

### ABSTRACT

5 A dispensing device comprises a dispensing box, a roll of a sheet-like packaging material, and a cutting edge. The box includes a series of sides and a dispensing slot on one of these sides. The roll includes a leading portion which is inserted through the dispensing slot and pulled in a pulling direction (P). The cutting edge is positioned downstream of the dispensing slot relative to the pulling direction (P) whereby the packaging material can be dispensed in a desired length to suit the packaging needs of a particular item and then cut to this desired length by the cutting edge.

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